

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification beginning on page 18, line 4 as follows:

In this way, as shown in Fig. 3, with the technique of preventing unauthorized copying, the validity of the code-added printing paper X<sub>Pc</sub> (FIG. 2(B)) (if the original printing paper OP or not) is verified according to pattern (the authenticating pattern or the comparative pattern) to prevent the printed contents printed on the original printing paper OP from being copied without authorization.